

**SYSTEM AND METHOD
FOR AUTOMATICALLY LOCATING
SEARCHED TEXT IN AN IMAGE FILE**

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ABSTRACT OF THE INVENTION

A system and method is provided for locating searched terms in an image file received from a search engine. The method comprises: submitting a search term to a search engine having an indexed file database of image files, for example, a text search term such as a keyword, ASCII symbols, word patterns, or data patterns; receiving an indexed file cross-referencing image indexed files to the search term, for example, the image files may be a tagged image file format (TIFF) or portable document (PDF) format document; performing optical character recognition (OCR) on the selected image file; locating coordinates in the image file corresponding to the search term; and, automatically displaying the image file at the coordinates. Typically, the location process causes the search term to be displayed, or even highlighted.